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evening see that that person has a sleeping pill or a aspirin or maybe it's a diabetic situation. These were the requests that were bothering them and they have not had any supervision before. And, under this particular bill when they are licensed, now they will be checked and see that they have qualified persons. And this probably could be an RN, it might be a LPN, it might be a nurse's assistant but it would be under supervision of the doctor or the nurse as prescribed on the pillbox so to speak. But those pills must be kept out of the reach of... you know....children or adults....I agree there's been talks of what you're saying. Mainly, I think that's one of the complaints of why these homes need to be licensed and need to be qualified with their personnel.

SENATOR GOODRICH: The only thing is, Senator Kennedy, in Line 4, you'll see it says "oral or external medications prescribed for the resident by a licensed physician and dispensed, etc."....uh.... this is not aspirin, this is something that is a prescribed medication. If you.....let me follow through.....the thought I had in mind was this.....and I really have no objection to this amendment at all. I think we can eventually get it on somewhere but....should we have this particular amendment placed on a bill and you know we're going to have the second half of LB513 coming back to us. This is a place where we really should have this particular amendment attached so that we can have a legitimate public hearing on this particular amendment before we put it into a bill. That is what I would suggest is all.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well, I think if it's followed through and, of course, if you have a particular prescription that has to be handled by a nurse or a doctor, that is a....and if you will read on further through....that we are doing it to conform with all the laws that we have now. We are not....you know....we are not changing that law. This amendment was prepared by the attorneys in the Health Department. I had no part of constructing of it, but I know what the intent is originally. I would hope it is adopted and put in the classification of the homes as we have prepared in LB513. But,.....

SENATOR GOODRICH: But since we're in a new session already, wouldn't it be more prudent to act, say hold this amendment and attach it to the second half of LB513 which we are...we have already eliminated the second half of LB513 and we know the Department of Health is coming back with the...a separate bill consisting of the second half of LB513. I would suggest that is the better place to put after we get a chance to have a public hearing on it.

SENATOR KENNEDY: Well, I would hate to say but I disagree because I do not know of another bill that is coming before us this year. And, I think it's most important that the qualified people have the opportunity to license under the regular laws and rules and regulations. We've had some nursing home problems or keeper homes as I might call them and I think this might correct that, would give us an opportunity to have supervision over it. So, I would hope that the Legislature would go ahead, put this amendment on here where I think it belongs. I disagree with the Health Department quite often but I certainly agree that...I think this amendment is most helpful for them to supervise the homes and I can't find any fault in it. I don't know of another bill that we could attach it to. I hate to ask to have it brought back because I thought we had it clean but I do agree that the language will clarify it for the problems that they need to handle. So, if there's no further questions, I would ask that the bill be brought back and this amendment be adopted.

PRESIDENT: The chair recognizes Senator Nore. And then Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR NORE: Mr. President, I'd like to ask Senator Kennedy a question.

PRESIDENT: Senator Kennedy, do you yield?

SENATOR KENNEDY: Yes.